

Hindi language which was not assigned to it earlier?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hindi Salahkar Samiti advises on the progressive increase in the use of Hindi for official purposes and another allied matters. No new item of work has been added to its charter of responsibilities.

[English]

Sanskrit University

5413. SHRI SHANKERSINH
VEGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI
VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Sanskrit University at Sringeri;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) when the project is likely to be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Government had decided to initiate institutional structures which would evolve into a Sanskrit University over a period of time.

(b) A Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha has been set up at Sringeri by the Rashtriya Sansthan. The Vidyapeeth is named after the former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

(c) No time schedule has been fixed in this behalf.

[Translation]

Samastipur-Darbhanga Railway Line

5414. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 79 on February, 25, 1992 and state:

(a) the funds allocated for conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga railway line during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of works executed with this amount; and

(c) the works to be undertaken on this project during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Due to constraint of resources, allocation for the work of conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga M.G. into B.G. for the last three years was meagre with which no tangible progress could be made. In 1992-93 Budget Rs. 10 lakhs has been allocated to this work. It has been decided to restart this work and preliminary arrangements will be taken up in 92-93. However, keeping in view the need to cause minimum dislocation to train services and to reduce inconvenience to the travelling public, it will be possible to actually take up conversion of this M.G. section only after Muzaffarpur-Raxaul has been converted to B.G. which has been included in the Budget for 92-93.

[English]

Steam/Diesel Locomotives on Electrified Routes

5415. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether regenerative braking system on electrified tracks is energy efficient

(b) if so the extent of energy saved during last one year on account of this device, and

(c) the reasons for using steam and diesel locomotives on electrified routes in view of the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) The quantum of energy saved is not available, since it is not metered. Only a few Electric Locomotives have been provided with regenerative braking system

(c) Normally diesel and steam locomotives are not deployed in sections where electric locomotives with regenerative braking system are running. However on some of these sections diesel and steam locomotives are deployed to very limited extent due to —

- (i) Use of steam locomotives on inferior services
- (ii) Permitting long haul diesel trains on intervening short electrified territory
- (iii) Return of diesels to home sheds
- (iv) Inadequate availability of electric locomotive

Mother Tongue as First Language

5416 SHRISYED SHAHABUDDIN Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) the names of State/Union Territories in which the mother tongue has been intro-

duced as the first language under the three language formula at secondary level for all students

(b) the names of the State/Union Territories in which not the mother tongue but the majority language or any other language has been introduced as compulsory first language for all students under the formula and

(c) in case of (b) the place of the minority languages of the States/Union Territories in the Formula and the highest level of compulsory instruction of and through the medium of the mother tongues of the linguistic minorities therein?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) Most of the States and Union Territories have more than one formulation for teaching of languages under the three language formula at the Secondary stage in order to meet local needs including the needs of linguistic minorities. The mother tongue of the majority of population is generally the regional language of the State or Union Territory and is offered by many students as the first language

Pollution of Godavari

5417 SHRI ANKUSHRAO RAOSAHEB TOPE Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government received any representation from public representatives in regard to pollution of Godavari by paper mills and

(b) if so the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY